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INTRODUCTION

Content and Function of a Public Improvements Program

The Public Improvements Program contains a scheduled list of public improvements needed by the City of Rocky Mount for the next twenty years. The public improvements in this report include property acquisitions and construction of new public facilities as well as the rehabilitation and expansion of existing public facilities. In order to qualify for inclusion in the Public Improvements Program, improvements must cost five thousand dollars or more and must have a minimum useful life span of at least five years.

However, there are some improvements that meet both the above requirements but which have been excluded from this report. These improvements include minor water lines, minor sewer lines, small gas lines, electrical distribution lines, and minor street improvements. The reason for their exclusion is that these improvements could not be scheduled in detail. Neither the precise size nor the exact location of minor water, sewer, and gas lines could be determined far in advance. Also, the location and the amount of electrical distribution lines were difficult to determine. The city's minor street improvements are based on petitions for such improvements. As a result, minor street improvements could not be scheduled. In addition to the above exclusions, equipment purchases and replacements for the Public Works Equipment Pool were omitted after the first six years. Even though these improvements are excluded from this report, the cost of these improvements must be estimated so that they can be included in the capital improvements budget.

The function of the Public Improvements Program is twofold. Its first function

is to list all public improvements which will be needed by the city within the next twenty years as recommended in the city's physical development plans. Its second function is to establish a priority schedule and to give justification for each improvement.

Need for the Public Improvements Program

The increasing demand and need for public services is a phenomenon of our modern society. Among the reasons for this occurrence are the rapid obsolescence of equipment and buildings, the increase in population, the desire for better quality services, and the ever increasing new types of services and facilities. In short, our citizens are demanding more services at higher levels of quality and quantity than ever before.

As Rocky Mount grows, it will be expected to meet these demands for public services. Because of the high levels of public services that will be expected and needed in the future, it is improbable that the City will be able to meet all of the demands. As a result, the City must adopt some method for selecting the improvements to be made as well as determining the sequence in which these public improvements will occur. This selection and priority of public improvements can best be determined by the Public Improvements Program.

Advantages of the Public Improvements Program

The Public Improvements Program provides many advantages to the municipality and its citizens. The advantages to be derived are as follows:

1. It provides a means of scheduling projects to be carried out in accordance with predetermined priorities of need.

2. It provides the governing body of the city with objective guidelines on which to evaluate public improvements that are recommended by various interest groups.
3. It permits the advance acquisition of real estate needed for public improvements.
4. It provides enough time in advance of the improvement for detail plans, surveys, and technical design to be accomplished.
5. It helps to coordinate the improvement projects of separate agencies and to resolve possible conflicts in policy.
6. It is one chief means of implementing the proposals and recommendations of the Land Development Plan. Thus, the chief goals of the citizens can be attained at the appropriate time.
7. It lays the groundwork for a capital improvements budget by providing a priority list of the public improvements on which the capital improvements budget is based.
8. It permits coordination of the city's programs with the programs of other governmental agencies.
9. It provides the taxpayer with a list of future services to be received for his tax money. With this information, the taypayer may vote intelligently on issues concerning public improvements in the future.

Source of Information

Public improvements scheduled in Chapter II of this report were taken in part from recommendations and proposals stated in the City's Neighborhood Analysis (1964), the Thoroughfare Plan (1963), the Staged Development Plan (1965), the

Pitometer Survey (1965), and the Rocky Mount Park and Recreation Plan (1967). In addition, the suggestion for many improvements in this report were obtained from city officials by interview.

Method of Scheduling Improvements

In order to achieve a high degree of flexibility in the administration of this program, the improvements in this report have been scheduled in five fiscal periods rather than on a year to year basis.

The five fiscal periods included in this report with the years covered in each are as follows:

1. First fiscal period, July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1969.
2. Second fiscal period, July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1971.
3. Third fiscal period, July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1973.
4. Fourth fiscal period, July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1977.
5. Fifth fiscal period, July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1987.

The first three fiscal periods listed will be the basis for the improvements scheduled in the city's capital improvements budget.

Priorities have been assigned to improvements scheduled during the first ten years. No attempt, however, was made to assign priorities to improvements scheduled during the last ten years because of unforseen changes that might take place concerning these improvements. Either priority "A" or priority "B" was assigned to improvements occurring during the first ten years. Priority "A" was assigned to those improvements which should not be deferred under any conditions. Priority "B" was assigned to improvements that are desired and needed but which could be deferred. Even though priority "B" items could be delayed, they should not be deferred unless

unusual circumstances make such a deferment inevitable. In addition, the priorities assigned to each improvement indicate the relative importance of that improvement to other improvements of the same type which occur within the same fiscal period.

Need for Review and Revision of the Public Improvements Program

The list of public improvements recommended in this report should be reviewed yearly. This yearly review will enable the city to reschedule and to determine the priority to be assigned to those scheduled improvements which have not been accomplished. In addition to the yearly review, a revision of the public improvements program should take place every four years. This four year revision will provide an opportunity for major changes and adjustments to be made to the program. Both the yearly review and the four year revision will enable the city to maintain a continuing public improvements program.

Role of the Public Improvements Program Within the Planning Process

First of all, the public improvements program is a tool by which recommendations and proposals in the comprehensive development plan may be implemented. The public improvements program considers all recommendations contained in the city's comprehensive plan and then determines which proposals are most important to the city. In addition, the public improvements program serves as a guide in formulating the capital improvements budget. The capital improvements budget takes the list of scheduled improvements and determines how much each improvement will cost as well as how each improvement is to be financed.

CHAPTER II

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

1. First Fiscal Period, July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1969
2. Second Fiscal Period, July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1971
3. Third Fiscal Period, July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1973
4. Fourth Fiscal Period, July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1977
5. Fifth Fiscal Period, July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1987

FIRST FISCAL PERIOD

JULY 1, 1967 TO JUNE 30, 1969

Fire Protection

PRIORITY		
A	1.	Land should be acquired, and a new fire station (No. 4) constructed in the area of U. S. 301 Business and N. C. 97 (north). The site for this facility should be two acres in size. A station is needed at this general location to serve the existing and proposed industrial development to the north of the city.
A	2.	A new 1,000 GPM pumper should be purchased for Station No. 4.
B	3.	A salvage truck should be purchased for the fire department.
B	4.	Land should be acquired on Vance Street for the site of the future training center for firemen. The site size should be a minimum of five acres. This training center is needed for the continuous training of firemen as well as training for new members of the fire department.
B	5.	Fire Station No. 3 should be enlarged on its present site in order to provide more dormitory space.

Water Supply

A 1. Major water lines should be installed in the following locations during this fiscal period:

a. Twelve inch main on Planters Street from Holder Drive to Fairview Road.

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b. Thirty inch main on Sandy Cross Road from the new water plant at the Tar River reservoir to U. S. 301 Bypass.

c. Twenty-four inch main on U. S. 301 Bypass from the intersection of U. S. 301 Bypass and Sandy Cross Road to U. S. 64.

d. Sixteen inch feeder loop on Hunter Hill Road and Secondary Road 1613 from U. S. 301 Bypass to Sunset Avenue. This water line will serve the new Nash General Hospital.

Sanitary Sewerage Service

A 1. The capacity of the sewage treatment plant should be increased by five million gallons per day during this fiscal period. Additional land is not required for the enlargement. This addition to the sewage treatment plant is necessary to meet the future load.

A 2. The installation of the following major sewer lines as well as the acquisition of rights-of-way for such lines should take place during this fiscal period. These sewer lines will be needed to serve areas that are to be developed in the near future. The sewer lines to be installed are as follows:

a. Maple Branch sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Bypass to Little Maple Branch.

b. Stony Creek sewer outfall from Country Club Road west to the new Nash General Hospital.

B 3. Rights-of-way will have to be acquired for the extension of the following sewer lines during the following two year fiscal period:

PRIORITY

a. Compass Creek sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Business to the Tar River.

b. Force main from the junction of Compass Creek and Tar River to the sewage treatment plant.

c. Battleboro sewer outfall from Battleboro to the city's existing lines at the Abbott Laboratories Plant on U. S. 301.

B 4. Land will have to be acquired for the location of the following lift stations to be constructed during the next fiscal period.

a. Compass Creek lift station at the junction of Compass Creek and Tar River.

b. Battleboro lift station to be located near Battleboro.

Street System

A 1. The following improvements should be made concerning the city's major thoroughfare system. Rights-of-way should be acquired as recommended in the city's Major Thoroughfare Plan prior to construction.

a. Widen Franklin Street from Hickory Street south to Raleigh Road.

b. Improve Grace Street on existing alignment to four travel lanes from Peachtree Street south to Raleigh Road.

c. Improve Church Street to four travel lanes from Franklin Street north to the Tar River.

d. Extend Winstead Avenue southerly on a new location to connect to Secondary Road 1717.

e. Widen Sunset Avenue for a third turn lane at Church Street.

PRIORITY

B 2. Rights-of-way will have to be acquired in connection with the following major thoroughfares that are to be constructed during the following fiscal period.

a. Construct the U. S. 64 Bypass around the north side of the city.

b. Improve Sunset Avenue along existing alignment to a minimum of three travel lanes between Grace Street and Church Street.

c. Improve East Raleigh Street to four travel lanes from Stokes Avenue to the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass.

d. Improve Church Street to four travel lanes from the Tar River north to the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass.

e. Extend Winstead Avenue northerly on new location to connect to Secondary Road 1613.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

A A sanitary landfill site should be purchased near the perimeter of the city at this time. The amount of land should be at least one hundred acres. The sites selected should be separated from developed areas by natural buffers where possible.

An estimation of acres needed for sanitary landfill sites is based on the average amount of land consumed each year per ten thousand population. It should be remembered, however, that adjustments will have to be made to compensate for any significant increase or decrease in the quantity of refuse produced per capita.

PRIORITY

Electrical Service

A 1. The following electrical substations should be installed during the fiscal period. The locations given for the substations are tentative since the electrical load, which determines such locations, may change.

a. Install substation No. 4 near the Phillips Fiber Industry on North Atlantic Avenue.

b. Install substation No. 5 north of the airport on N. C. 97.

B 2. The underground wiring project for the business district should be started at this time. The first phase of the project will consist of installing wiring underground in Sorsby Alley. Since the financial cost of this initial phase will determine whether other phases of the project are financially feasible, plans for the additional phases will have to be made after the completion of the first phase. As a result, no attempt will be made in this report to schedule subsequent phases of the project. However, it is recommended that detailed engineering plans be prepared for underground wiring in the entire central business district as soon as possible.

Gas Service

The first phase of the U. S. 301 Bypass gas line should be completed during this fiscal period. The following sections of gas lines comprise the first phase.

A 1. Install an eight inch gas main along 301 Bypass from U. S. 64 to N. C. 43.

PRIORITY

A 2. Install eight inch gas main along Atlantic Avenue from the Tar River north to N. C. 97.

A 3. Install eight inch gas main along U. S. 301 North from Wesleyan College to Abbott Laboratories.

A 4. Install eight inch gas main along U. S. 301 North from Abbott Laboratories to Battleboro.

Equipment

A 1. The following equipment should be purchased for the Public Works Equipment Pool during this fiscal period.

a. Purchase an additional boring machine.

b. Purchase an additional garbage packer.

c. Replace motor grader. (No. 70)

d. Replace loader. (No. 123)

e. Replace garbage packer. (No. 142)

f. Replace garbage packer. (No. 98)

g. Replace garbage packer. (No. 143)

h. Replace loader backhoe. (No. 137)

i. Replace garbage packer. (No. 140)

A 2. The following equipment should also be purchased for the Utilities Department.

a. Purchase an additional line truck.

b. Purchase an additional backhoe.

PRIORITY

Public Buildings

The construction of the following improvements should take place during this fiscal period. The construction of all of the improvements listed below will take place on the city lot located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Albemarle Avenue.

A 1. Temporary office and parking area for the division offices of the Public Works Department.

A 2. Storage and locker room building for the Streets Division.

A 3. Office, equipment storage shed, and locker room for the Sanitation Division.

B 4. Maintenance building for the Department of Power, Gas, and Water.

Parks and Recreation

A 1. The warehouse at Park and Holly Streets should be acquired and demolished to provide recreational space for the densely populated area between Grand Avenue and Thomas Street. The park should be extended south to connect with the Pope Elementary School site.

A 2. A study should be undertaken to determine the development potential for the publicly owned land around Stith Park and a master plan for the area developed.

A 3. A recreation center should be developed in an enlarged Stith Park.

A 4. Southside Park should be expanded southward. This expansion should take place immediately before the vacant land near the park is

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developed for another use.

A 5. Boonetown Park should be expanded to occupy the interior of the block now vacant, and land should be acquired that is fronting on some street to facilitate access to the park.

A 6. A park-playground should be developed at the intersection of Stone Drive and Forest Hill Avenue. The land should be acquired immediately.

B 7. The extension of Sunset Park north toward the mill area should be started during this fiscal period.

B 8. The Arts Center site should be thoroughly developed and landscaped at this time.

B 9. Land should be acquired for the establishment of a park between Blandwood Avenue and Cokey Swamp.

B 10. A five acre site for a park should be acquired in the vicinity of Falls Road and the Tar River.

B 11. An open space network should be extended around the city for the entire length of the Tar River. The network should be started during this fiscal period and should be continued in all following fiscal periods during the twenty year planning period.

B 12. The City should begin to establish a right-of-way along the river between the reservoir area and the city. The area could be developed for a variety of uses such as hiking and bicycle riding. The establishment of this right-of-way should be continued during subsequent fiscal periods.

SECOND FISCAL PERIOD

JULY 1, 1969 TO JUNE 30, 1971

Fire Protection

PRIORITY

A 1. A 750 GPM pumper should be purchased to replace fire engine No. 7. The engine will be obsolete (20 years old) at the time of replacement.

A 2. A 1,000 GPM pumper should be purchased for station No. 3.

B 3. Land should be acquired at the intersection of Nashville Road and Church Street for the relocation of fire station No. 2. The site for the relocation should be one and one-half acres in size.

The relocation of fire station No. 2 is necessary so that the station can provide adequate protection for the residential area in the southern section as well as protection for the southern portion of the central business district.

B 4. Construct a training tower on the site of the new training center.

Water Supply

A 1. Major water lines should be installed in the following locations during this fiscal period:

a. Twelve inch main on Pender Street from Dunn Street to Rex Street.

b. Twelve inch main on South Church Street from Home Street to Munn Street.

c. Twelve inch main on Carr Street from Elm Street to Ridge Street.

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d. Twelve inch main on Virginia Street from Myrtle Avenue to Hunter Street.

e. Twelve inch main on U. S. 301 North from the city limits of Rocky Mount to Battleboro.

Sanitary Sewerage Service

A 1. Major sewer outfall lines to be installed during this fiscal period are as follows:

a. Compass Creek sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Business to Tar River.

b. Compass Creek force main from the junction of Compass Creek and Tar River to the sewage treatment plant.

c. Battleboro sewer outfall from Battleboro to the city's existing lines at the Abbott Laboratories Plant on U. S. 301.

A 2. The following lift stations should be constructed during this fiscal period.

a. Compass Creek lift station located near junction of Compass Creek and Tar River.

b. Battleboro lift station located near Battleboro.

B 3. Rights-of-way will have to be acquired for the extension of the following sewer lines during the next two year fiscal period:

a. East area sewer outfall from U. S. Highway 64 to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

b. Compass Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Secondary Road 1538.

PRIORITY

Street System

A 1. The City should continue to improve its major thoroughfare system by carrying out recommendations of its Major Thoroughfare Plan.

a. Begin construction on the U. S. 64 Bypass around the north side of the City.

b. Improve Sunset Avenue along existing alignment to a minimum of three travel lanes between Grace Street and Church Street.

c. Improve East Raleigh Street to four travel lanes from Stokes Avenue to the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass.

d. Improve Church Street to four travel lanes from the Tar River north to the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass.

e. Extend Winstead Avenue northerly on new location to connect to Secondary Road 1613.

B 2. Rights-of-way should be acquired in connection with the following major thoroughfares that are to be constructed during the following fiscal period.

a. Extend one-way traffic operations on Church and Franklin Streets from Raleigh Road to Nashville Road. At the same time, a new connector between Franklin Street and Church Street will be required in the vicinity of Nashville Road.

b. Widen Cokey Road to four lanes from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad north to Hill Street.

c. Widen Raleigh Road to four lanes between Nashville Road and the U. S. 301 Bypass.

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Electrical Service

A Install electrical substation No. 6 near the intersection of Nashville Road and Hammond Street.

Gas Service

A 1. The second phase of the U. S. 301 Bypass gas line should be completed at this time by installing an eight inch gas main along U. S. 301 Bypass from the intersection of N. C. 43 and U. S. 301 Bypass to the northern junction of U. S. 301 Bypass and U. S. 301 Business.

A 2. The north end of the city's gas system should be tied to the North Carolina Natural Gas Company line by installing an eight inch gas main along N. C. 97 East from U. S. 301 to the intersection of N. C. 97 and Secondary Road 1400.

B 3. A peak shaving plant should be installed during this time period on the city lot which is located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Albemarle Avenue.

This plant will regulate the amount of gas that is purchased by the City. As a result of the regulated consumption, the gas can be purchased from the gas company at a cheaper rate.

Equipment

A 1. The equipment to be purchased for the Public Works Equipment Pool is

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as follows:

a. Replace loader. (No. 92)

b. Replace packer. (No. 134)

c. Replace packer. (No. 120)

d. Replace sweeper. (No. 119)

e. Replace sweeper. (No. 90)

A 2. The equipment to be purchased for the Utilities Department is as follows:

a. Purchase an additional bucket truck.

b. Purchase two additional line trucks.

Public Buildings

A 1. A garbage transfer station for the Sanitation Division should be constructed on a site east of Atlantic Avenue between the Tar River and the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass.

A 2. A parts center should be constructed in the Shops Building located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Albemarle Avenue.

Parks and Recreation

A 1. A recreation center should be developed on the Boonetown Park site provided that the entire block has been acquired as previously recommended. Otherwise the center should be developed on an alternate site as recommended in the Park and Recreation Plan (1967).

PRIORITY		
A	2.	Part of the new thirty-three acre school site located between the railroad and Maple Creek should be developed jointly for recreational use by the city and the school board.
B	3.	A playground site should be developed for use by local children on the southern portion of the Arts Center site.
B	4.	The extension of Sunset Park north toward the mill area should be completed at this time.
B	5.	Kite Park should be developed for passive and low-key active recreation with an orientation toward facilities for the elderly.
B	6.	Rosewood Park should be expanded to fifteen acres. Also, an access road from Fairview Road should be constructed.
B	7.	A park should be developed on previously acquired land between Blandwood Avenue and Cokey Swamp. Access to the park from the north should be provided by extending a street across Cokey Swamp.
B	8.	A recreational area should be developed on previously acquired land between Falls Road and the Tar River. This recreational area will serve the local residents.

THIRD FISCAL PERIOD

JULY 1, 1971 TO JUNE 30, 1973

Fire Protection

PRIORITY

A 1. A fire station (No. 2) should be constructed on the previously acquired site in the area of Nashville Road and Church Street.

A 2. An aerial ladder truck should be purchased for fire station No. 4.

Water Supply

The major water lines to be installed during this fiscal period are as follows:

A 1. Twelve inch main from U. S. 301 Bypass to Englewood area.

A 2. Twelve inch main on U. S. 301 Bypass from N. C. 97 to U. S. 301 Business.

Sanitary Sewerage Service

The installation of the following major sewer lines should take place during this fiscal period.

A 1. East area sewer outfall from U. S. Highway 64 to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

A 2. Compass Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Secondary Road 1538.

Rights-of-way will have to be acquired for the extension of the following

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sewer lines during the next four year fiscal period.

B 1. Goose Branch sewer outfall extension to the west of U. S. 301 Bypass.

B 2. Indian Branch sewer outfall extension to the west of U. S. 301.

B 3. Stony Creek sewer outfall from Country Club Road to Tar River interceptor.

B 4. West River sewer interceptor from Stony Creek to Maple Creek.

Street System

A 1. The major thoroughfare improvements to be made during this fiscal period are as follows:

a. Extend one-way traffic operations on Church Street and Franklin from Raleigh Road to Nashville Road. At the same time, a new connector between Franklin Street and Church Street will be required in the vicinity of Nashville Road.

b. Widen Cokey Road to four lanes from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad north to Hill Street.

c. Widen Raleigh Road to four lanes between Nashville Road and the U. S. 301 Bypass.

d. Complete construction of the U. S. 64 Bypass around the north side of the City.

B 2. Rights-of-way should be acquired in connection with the following major thoroughfares that are to be constructed during the following fiscal period.

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a. Extend Kingston Avenue to connect to Cokey Road just southeast of Secondary Road 1141.

b. Improve Church Street to four travel lanes from the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass to U. S. 301 Bypass.

c. Four lane Church Street from Nashville Road south to U. S. 301 Bypass.

d. Widen Nashville Road to four travel lanes from Raleigh Road west to Winstead Avenue extension.

e. Four lane Cokey Road from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad south to the vicinity of the proposed "Belt Loop".

f. Four lane Benvenue Road from U. S. 64 Bypass to N. C. 48.

g. Improve Secondary Road 1542 on partial relocation from Benvenue Road to Church Street.

h. Widen Raleigh Road to four lanes from U. S. 301 Bypass westwardly.

Electrical Service

A Install electrical substation No. 7 in the Vance Street area.

Gas Service

A The third phase of the U. S. 301 Bypass gas line should be completed by installing an eight inch gas main along U. S. 301 Bypass from the intersection of U. S. 64 and U. S. 301 Bypass to the southern junction of U. S. 301 Bypass and U. S. 301 Business.

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Equipment

A 1. The following equipment should be purchased for the Public Works Equipment Pool.

a. Replace dozer. (No. 28)

b. Replace graders. (No. 29)

c. Replace flusher. (No. 35)

d. Replace dragline. (No. 51)

e. Replace packer. (No. 107)

f. Replace packer. (No. 179)

A 2. The following equipment should be purchased for the Utilities Department.

a. Purchase an additional ditching machine.

b. Purchase new radio equipment. This new radio equipment will be needed when a new radio frequency is assigned to the department.

Public Buildings

A 1. Approximately three acres of land should be acquired in or near the central business district for the site of the new City Hall during this fiscal period. In order to assure that land will be available at the desired time and the desired location, it is imperative that the site be acquired one or two years prior to construction.

B 2. Construct a new automobile and truck service station on the city lot located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Albemarle Avenue to

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replace the existing service facility.

This city service station is needed to provide both an adequate and an economical level of service for city vehicles.

Parks and Recreation

A 1. Land should be acquired for a park site to be located south of Tarboro Street extended and east of Glendale Drive.

A 2. A new park site should be developed west of the existing residential development in the Englewood area. A minimum site size of five acres is recommended.

B 3. The Airport Boat Launch and Fishing Area should be extended westward as far as Goose Branch Creek.

B 4. Additional parking is needed to serve the Albemarle Community Genter and the Municipal Stadium.

B 5. The Girl Scout Park-Baskerville-Parker complex should be further developed to provide both passive and active recreation.

B 6. A five acre tract should be acquired and developed near Goose Branch Creek in the Swelton Heights area.

B 7. The Benvenue School site should be developed to provide playground space for the surrounding residents.

B 8. As part of its open space network, the city should acquire development rights to the lowlands surrounding Stony Greek where it joins the Tar River.

FOURTH FISCAL PERIOD

JULY 1, 1973 TO JUNE 30, 1977

Fire Protection

PRIORITY

A 1. Land should be acquired, and a new fire station (No. 5) constructed in the general vicinity of Meadowbrook Road. The site for this facility should be one acre in size.

A station is needed at this general location to serve the expected development in the eastern section of the city.

A 2. The fire trucks to be purchased during this fiscal period are as follows:

a. A 750 GPM pumper to replace fire engine No. 8. The engine will be obsolete (20 years old) at the time of replacement.

b. An aerial ladder truck to replace aerial ladder truck No. 9. The ladder truck will be obsolete (20 years old) at the time of replacement.

c. A 1,000 GPM pumper for Station No. 5.

Water Supply

A 1. A one million gallon elevated water tank should be constructed in the general vicinity of Hunter Hill Loop. This tank is needed to maintain adequate water pressure for the development that is expected to occur in this area.

PRIORITY

Sanitary Sewerage Service

The following major sewer lines should be installed during this fiscal period.

A 1. Goose Branch sewer outfall extension to the west of U. S. 301 Bypass.

A 2. Indian Branch sewer outfall extension to the west of U. S. 301.

A 3. Stony Creek sewer outfall from Country Club Road to Tar River interceptor.

A 4. West River sewer interceptor from Stony Creek to Maple Creek.

Street System

A 1. The major thoroughfare improvements to be made at this time are as follows:

a. Extend Kingston Avenue to connect to Cokey Road just southeast of Secondary Road 1141.

b. Improve Church Street to four travel lanes from the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass to U. S. 301 Bypass.

c. Four lane Church Street from Nashville Road south to U. S. 301 Bypass.

d. Widen Nashville Road to four travel lanes from Raleigh Road west to Winstead Avenue extension.

e. Four lane Cokey Road from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad south to the vicinity of the proposed "Belt Loop".

f. Four lane Benvenue Road from U. S. 64 Bypass to N. C. 48.

PRIORITY

g. Improve Secondary Road 1542 on partial relocation from Benvenue Road to Church Street.

h. Widen Raleigh Road to four lanes from U. S. 301 Bypass westwardly.

B 2. Rights-of-way should be acquired for the following major thoroughfares that are to be constructed during the final fiscal period.

a. Construct on new location the portion of the "Belt Loop" between Springfield Road and Cokey Road.

b. Widen East Raleigh Street to four travel lanes from proposed U. S. 64 Bypass to Springfield Road.

c. Improve N. C. 43 along existing alignment from the junction of N. C. 43 and N. C. 48 to the northwest.

d. Improve N. C. 48 along existing alignment from its junction with N. C. 43 to the north.

Electrical Service

A 1. The following electrical substations should be installed during this fiscal period in the general areas indicated.

a. Install substation No. 8 in the eastern area of the city.

b. Install substation No. 9 in the southeast area of the city.

c. Install substation No. 10 in the southwestern area of the city.

d. Install substation No. 11 in the central area of the city.

Gas Service

The first phase of the high pressure loop should be completed by installing regulator stations at the following locations:

PRIORITY

A 1. Install a regulator station at the northern junction of U. S. 301 Bypass and U. S. 301 Business.

A 2. Install a regulator station at the southern junction of U. S. 301 Bypass and U. S. 301 Business.

Public Buildings

A 1. Construct the new City Hall on the previously acquired site. The new City Hall is needed to provide for the additional space required by the growing city departments.

A 2. A three acre site should be acquired in or near the central business district for the site of the new Convention Center which is to be constructed during the subsequent fiscal period. This site should be acquired from two to four years in advance of construction of the facility. This advanced acquisition will assure that the predetermined location and size of the site will be available at the time of construction.

B 3. The city policy of keeping its facilities up-to-date should be continued during this fiscal period by constructing the following items:

a. Paving of the shops area.

b. Paving of the parking and equipment areas.

c. Equipment storage shed for the Water and Sewer Division.

d. Locker room, storage, and office building for Water and Sewer Division.

PRIORITY

e. Permanent office building for Streets Division.
These improvements will take place on the city lot located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Albemarle Avenue.

B 4. An equipment storage shed for the Sanitation Division should be constructed on a site east of Atlantic Avenue between the Tar River and the proposed U. S. 64 Bypass.

Parks and Recreation

A 1. A park should be developed after the construction of the U. S. 64 Bypass to include all the area between the Bypass and the Tar River.

A 2. A recreation center should be located off Fairview Road between the railroad and Cokey Road to serve the eastern and southeastern portions of the city.

A 3. A park should be developed north of Sunset Avenue and east of Halifax Road.

B 4. A site should be acquired and a park developed south of Virginia Street extended.

B 5. A park should be developed on previously acquired land located south of Tarboro Street extended and east of Glendale Drive.

B 6. A recreational site should be developed during this fiscal period. A location adjacent to Kingston Avenue is recommended.

B 7. A recreational site should be acquired south of Old Nashville Road between Old Mill Road and West Mount Drive.

FIFTH FISCAL PERIOD

JULY 1, 1977 TO JUNE 30, 1987

Fire Protection

1. The fire trucks to be purchased during this fiscal period are as follows:
   a. A 1,000 GPM pumper to replace fire engine No. 4.
   b. A 1,000 GPM pumper to replace fire engine No. 10.
   c. A 1,000 GPM pumper to replace fire engine No. 11.

   The above fire engines will be obsolete (20 years old) at the time of replacement.

Water Supply

1. A one million gallon elevated water tank should be constructed in the western area of the city. This tank is needed to maintain adequate water pressure in the western section when development occurs.

Sanitary Sewerage Service

1. A 25 acre site should be acquired for the construction of a sewage treatment plant during this fiscal period with a tentative location at the junction of Hornbeam Branch and the Tar River. This new sewage treatment facility may be needed near the end of the fiscal period to insure adequate treatment services.
2. The installation and the construction of the following sewerage facilities as well as acquisition of rights-of-way and land for such facilities should take place during this fiscal period.

a. Tar River interceptor extension west of Nashville Road.

b. Stony Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Nash General Hospital.

c. Tar River interceptor to the new sewage treatment plant.

d. East area sewer outfall and lift station from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad to South Church Street area.

e. Hornbeam Branch sewer outfall extension west of U. S. 301 Bypass.

f. Hornbeam Branch sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Business to Tar River.

g. Maple Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Little Maple Branch.

Street System

1. The major thoroughfare improvements to be made are as follows:

   a. Construct on new location the portion of the "Belt Loop" between Springfield Road and Cokey Road.

   b. Widen East Raleigh Street to four travel lanes from proposed U. S. 64 Bypass to Springfield Road.

   c. Improve N. C. 43 along existing alignment from the junction of N. C. 43 and N. C. 48 to the northwest.

   d. Improve N. C. 48 along existing alignment from its junction with N. C. 43 to the north.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

An additional sanitary landfill site should be purchased around the perimeter of the city at this time. The amount of land required should be at least one hundred and sixty acres.

Electrical Service

1. The following electrical substations should be installed during this period of time in the general areas indicated.
   a. Install substation No. 12 in the northwest area.
   b. Install substation No. 13 in the southwest area.
   c. Install substation No. 14 in the northeast area.
   d. Install substation No. 15 in the southeast area.
   e. Install substation No. 16 in the northwest area.
   f. Install substation No. 17 in the southern area.
   g. Install substation No. 18 in the northeast area.

Gas Service

The second phase of the high pressure loop should be completed during this fiscal period. The locations of regulator stations to be installed are as follows:

a. At the intersection of N. C. 97 West and U. S. 301 Bypass.
b. At the intersection of U. S. 64 and U. S. 301 Bypass.
c. At the intersection of U. S. 301 Bypass and N. C. 43.
d. At the intersection of U. S. 301 Business and N. C. 97 East.

Equipment

The equipment to be purchased for the Utilities Department during this fiscal period is as follows:

a. Purchase an additional backhoe.
b. Replace bucket truck.
c. Replace two line trucks.

Public Buildings

1. The new Convention Center should be constructed on a previously acquired site during this fiscal period.
2. The following construction should be undertaken during this last fiscal period. The location of the site will probably be on the western side of the city.
   a. New Public Works Center site.
   b. Fence to enclose the new Public Works Center.
   c. Fueling facility at the new Public Works Center.
   d. Equipment storage shed at the new Public Works Center.
3. The shops building located at intersection of Grand Avenue and Albemarle Avenue should be expanded during this fiscal period.

Parks and Recreation

1. A recreational center should be developed west of U. S. 301 Bypass, probably along Winstead Avenue, south of Maple Creek.
2. A five acre site should be acquired adjacent to an elementary school off Springfield Road when such school site is selected. The site should be developed as a recreational facility.
3. A park site should be acquired and developed in the area between Meadowbrook Road and the Fairgrounds.
4. A park site should be acquired east of Old Wilson Road and adjacent to Cokey Swamp.

CHAPTER III

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

JULY 1, 1967 TO JUNE 30, 1987

CHAPTER III

This section of the report summarizes the public improvements listed in Chapter II. The improvements are summarized according to the type of improvements. For example, improvements associated with fire protection for all five fiscal periods are grouped together while improvements associated with the street system will be grouped together. No distinction, however, will be made as to the fiscal period in which the improvements will occur. Since the purpose of this Chapter is to summarize the improvements of a certain type that are to take place within the twenty year planning period, detail information about each improvement is not included.

Fire Protection

1. Acquire two acre site north of city for the construction of new fire station (No. 4).
2. Acquire land and construct fire station to replace fire station No. 2.
3. Acquire one acre site in the vicinity of Meadowbrook Road, and construct new fire station (No. 5) on the site.
4. Acquire five acre site for new training center and construct tower on the site.
5. Enlarge fire station No. 3 to provide dormitory space.
6. Purchase two 750 GPM pumpers.
7. Purchase two aerial ladder trucks.
8. Purchase salvage truck.
9. Purchase six 1,000 GPM pumpers.

Water Supply

1. Construct two water storage tanks with a capacity of one million gallons each.
2. Install the following major water lines:
   a. Twelve inch main on Planters Street from Holder Drive to Fairview Road.
   b. Thirty inch main on Sandy Cross Road from the new water plant at the Tar River reservoir to U. S. 301 Bypass.
   c. Twenty-four inch main on U. S. 301 Bypass from the intersection of U. S. 301 Bypass and Sandy Cross Road to U. S. 64.
   d. Twelve inch main on Pender Street from Dunn Street to Rex Street.
   e. Twelve inch main on South Church Street from Home Street to Munn Street.
   f. Twelve inch main on Virginia Street from Myrtle Avenue to Hunter Street.
   g. Twelve inch main from U. S. 301 Bypass to the Englewood area.
   h. Twelve inch main on U. S. 301 north from the city limits of Rocky Mount to Battleboro.
   i. Sixteen inch feeder loop on Hunter Hill Road and Secondary Road 1613 from U. S. 301 Bypass to Sunset Avenue.

Sanitary Sewerage Service

1. Increase treatment capacity of sewage plant by five million gallons per day.
2. Acquire 25 acre site for the extension of the sewage treatment plant.
3. Install the following major sewer lines:
   a. Maple Branch sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Bypass to Little Maple Branch.
   b. Stony Creek sewer outfall from Country Club Road west to the new Nash General Hospital.

c. Compass Creek sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Business to Tar River.

d. Compass Creek force mains from the junction of Compass Creek and Tar River to the sewage treatment plant.

e. Battleboro sewer outfall from Battleboro to the city's existing lines at the Abbott Laboratories Plant on U. S. 301.

f. East area sewer outfall from U. S. Highway 64 to the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

g. Compass Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Secondary Road 1538.

h. Goose Branch sewer outfall extension to the west of U. S. 301 Bypass.

i. Indian Branch sewer outfall extension to the west of U. S. 301.

j. Stony Creek sewer outfall from Country Club Road to Tar River interceptor.

k. West River sewer interceptor from Stony Creek to Maple Creek.

l. Tar River interceptor extension west of Nashville Road.

m. Stony Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Nash General Hospital.

n. Tar River interceptor to the new sewage treatment plant.

o. East area sewer outfall from Seaboard Coast Line Railroad to South Church Street area.

p. Hornbeam Branch sewer outfall from U. S. 301 Business to Tar River.

q. Hornbeam Branch sewer outfall extension west of U. S. 301 Bypass.

r. Maple Creek sewer outfall extension to the west of Little Maple Branch.

4. Install lift stations in the following areas:

a. Compass Creek lift station located near junction of Compass Creek and Tar River.

b. Battleboro lift station located near Battleboro.

c. East area lift station located between the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and South Church Street.

Street System

1. Construct U. S. 64 Bypass around the north side of the city.
2. Interior loop system around the central business district:
   a. Widen Grace Street to four travel lanes from Raleigh Road to Peachtree Street.
3. One-way street system in the downtown area:
   a. Widen Franklin Street from Raleigh Road to Hickory Street.
   b. Extend one-way traffic operations on Church Street and Franklin Street from Raleigh Road to Nashville Road, and construct a new connector between Franklin Street and Church Street in the vicinity of Nashville Road.
4. Radial Streets:
   a. Widen Cokey Road to four travel lanes from Hill Street south to the vicinity of the proposed "Belt Loop".
   b. Improve the Falls Road-Benvenue Road radial by widening Benvenue Road to four travel lanes from proposed U. S. 64 Bypass to N. C. 48.
   c. Widen Sunset Avenue to a minimum of three travel lanes from Grace Street to Church Street.
   d. Widen Church Street to four travel lanes from Hickory Street north to U. S. 301 Bypass and from Nashville Road south to U. S. 301 Bypass.
   e. Widen East Raleigh Street to four travel lanes from Stokes Avenue east to Springfield Road.
   f. Widen Raleigh Road to four travel lanes from Nashville Road to U. S. 301 Bypass and westwardly as required.
   g. Widen Nashville Road to four travel lanes from Raleigh Road to Winstead Avenue extension.

5. Proposed "Belt Loop":
   a. Extend Kingston Avenue to connect to Cokey Road just southeast of Secondary Road 1141.
   b. Construct on new location the portion of the "Belt Loop" between Springfield Road and Cokey Road.
6. Other major streets:
   a. Improve N. C. 43 along existing alignment from the junction of N. C. 43 and N. C. 48 to the northwest.
   b. Improve N. C. 48 along existing alignment from its junction with N. C. 43 to the north.
   c. Improve Secondary Road 1542 on partial relocation from Benvenue Road to Church Street.
   d. Extend Winstead Avenue northerly on new location to connect to Secondary Road 1613, and extend Winstead Avenue southerly on new location to connect to Secondary Road 1717.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Purchase several sanitary landfill sites near the perimeter of the city. The total amount of land required should be at least two hundred and sixty acres.

Electrical Service

1. Install substations No. 4 - No. 18 in the areas indicated in Chapter II.
2. Complete the underground wiring in the entire central business district.

Gas Service

1. Install gas mains associated with the first, second, and third phases of the U. S. 301 Bypass gas project.
2. Connect the north end of the city's gas system to the North Carolina Natural Gas Company's line by installing an eight inch gas main along N. C. 97 East from U. S. 301 to the intersection of N. C. 97 and Secondary Road 1400.
3. Install a peak shaving plant.
4. Install both phases one and two of the high pressure gas loop.
5. Install an eight inch gas main along U. S. 301 North from Abbott Laboratories to Battleboro.

Equipment

1. Purchase additional equipment:
   a. One boring machine
   b. One garbage packer
   c. Two line trucks
   d. One backhoe
   e. One ditching machine
   f. One bucket truck
2. Replace the following equipment:
   a. One motor grader (No. 70)
   b. Three loaders (Nos. 123, 137, 92)
   c. One grader (No. 29)
   d. Eight packers (Nos. 98, 107, 120, 134, 140, 142, 143, 179)
   e. Two sweepers (Nos. 90, 119)

f. One dozer (No. 28)

g. One flusher (No. 35)

h. One dragline (No. 51)

i. One bucket truck

j. Two line trucks

Public Buildings

1. Acquire land and construct new City Hall.
2. Acquire land and construct new Convention Center.
3. Construct temporary office and parking area for the division offices of the Public Works Department.
4. Construct storage and locker room building for Streets Division.
5. Construct office, equipment storage shed, and locker room for Sanitation Division.
6. Construct maintenance building for the Utilities Department.
7. Construct transfer station for the Sanitation Division.
8. Construct a parts center in the Shops Building.
9. Construct an automobile and truck service station on the city lot.
10. Construct an equipment storage shed for the Sanitation Division.
11. Make the following improvements on the city lot:
    a. Pave the shops area.
    b. Pave the parking and equipment areas.
    c. Construct an equipment storage shed, a locker room, and an office building for the Water and Sewer Division.
    d. Construct a permanent office building for Streets Division.

Parks and Recreation

1. The warehouse at Park and Holly Streets should be acquired and demolished to provide recreational space for the densely populated area between Grand Avenue and Thomas Street. The park should be extended south to connect with the Pope Elementary School site.
2. A study should be undertaken to determine the development potential for the publicly owned land around Stith Park and a master plan for the area developed.
3. A recreation center should be developed in an enlarged Stith Park.
4. Southside Park should be expanded southward. This expansion should take place immediately before the vacant land near the park is developed for another use.
5. A park-playground should be developed at the intersection of Stone Drive and Forest Hill Avenue. The land should be acquired immediately.
6. Boonetown Park should be expanded to occupy the interior of the block now vacant, and land should be acquired that is fronting on some street to facilitate access to the work.
7. Part of the new thirty-three acre school site located between the railroad and Maple Creek should be developed jointly for recreational use by the city and the school board.
8. A new park site should be developed west of the existing residential development in the Englewood area. A minimum site size of five acres is recommended.
9. Land should be acquired for a park site to be located south of Tarboro Street extended and east of Glendale Drive.
10. A recreation center should be developed on the Boonetown Park site provided that the entire block has been acquired as previously recommended. Otherwise

the center should be developed on an alternate site as recommended in the Park and Recreation Plan, (1967).

11. A park should be developed after the construction of the U. S. 64 Bypass to include all the area between the Bypass and the Tar River.
12. A park should be developed north of Sunset Avenue and east of Halifax Road.
13. A recreation center should be located off Fairview Road between the railroad and Cokey Road to serve the eastern and southeastern portions of the city.
14. A playground site should be developed for use by local children on the southern portion of the Arts Center site.
15. The extension of Sunset Park north toward the mill area should be completed at this time.
16. Kite Park should be developed for passive and low key active recreation with an orientation toward facilities for the elderly.
17. Rosewood Park should be expanded to fifteen acres. Also, an access road from Fairview Road should be constructed.
18. A park should be developed on previously acquired land between Blandwood Avenue and Cokey Swamp. Access to the park from the north should be provided by extending a street across Cokey Swamp.
19. The extension of Sunset Park north toward the mill area should be started during this fiscal period.
20. The Arts Center site should be thoroughly developed and landscaped at this time.
21. Land should be acquired for the establishment of a park between Blandwood Avenue and Cokey Swamp.
22. A five acre site for a park should be acquired in the vicinity of Falls Road and the Tar River.

23. An open space network should be extended around the city for the entire length of the Tar River. The network should be started during this fiscal period and should be continued in all following fiscal periods during the twenty year planning period.
24. The city should begin to establish a right-of-way between the reservoir area and the city. The area could be developed for a variety of uses such as hiking and bicycle riding. The establishment of this right-of-way should be continued during subsequent fiscal periods.
25. The Airport Boat Launch and Fishing Area should be extended westward as far as Goose Branch Creek.
26. Additional parking is needed to serve the Albemarle Community Center and the Municipal Stadium.
27. The Girl Scout Park-Baskerville-Parker complex should be further developed to provide both passive and active recreation.
28. A recreational area should be developed on previously acquired land between Falls Road and the Tar River. This recreational area will serve the local residents.
29. A five acre tract should be acquired and developed near Goose Branch Creek in the Swelton Heights area.
30. The Benvenue School site should be developed to provide playground space for the surrounding residents.
31. As part of its open space network, the city should acquire development rights to the lowlands surrounding Stony Creek where it joins the Tar River.
32. A site should be acquired and a park developed south of Virginia Street extended.

33. A park should be developed on previously acquired land located south of Tarboro Street extended and east of Glendale Drive.

34. A recreational site should be developed during this fiscal period. A location adjacent to Kingston Avenue is recommended.

35. A recreational site should be acquired south of Old Nashville Road between Old Mill Road and West Mount Drive.

36. A recreational center should be developed west of U. S. 301 Bypass, probably along Winstead Avenue, south of Maple Creek.

37. A five acre site should be acquired adjacent to an elementary school off Springfield Road when such school site is selected. The site should be developed as a recreational facility.

38. A park site should be acquired and developed in the area between Meadowbrook Road and the Fairgrounds.

39. A park site should be acquired east of Old Wilson Road and adjacent to Cokey Swamp.

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